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UM COOPERATES IN 'CHILD FIND PROJECT'

MISSOULA--

Officials at the University of Montana in Missoula are cooperating in a new statewide program designed to benefit mentally and physically handicapped persons, including preschool youngsters age 5 and below and school-age individuals between the ages of 5 and 21.

The program, entitled "The Montana Child Find Project," is sponsored by the office of Dolores Colburg, Helena, state superintendent of public instruction.

"The Montana Child Find Project" is an attempt to locate, identify and diagnose all mentally and physically handicapped youngsters who are age 5 or below, and to locate, identify, diagnose and provide appropriate services for the mentally and physically handicapped between the ages of 5 and 21.

Fred D. Appelman, Missoula, a faculty affiliate at the University, who is regional coordinator for special education and the handicapped, is director of "The Montana Child Find Project" for Region V. The region encompasses seven counties--Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders.

Those who know of mentally and physically handicapped individuals age 21 and below who live in Region V may phone a toll-free number, 1-800-332-6107, for assistance and information. Additional information also may be obtained from Appelman's office, Room 121, Liberal Arts Building, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801, or by phoning 243-2855.